

We embrace all as we journey
the way of Jesus



CHRIST
CHURCH UCC



June 9, 2024

Welcome

Prelude

“Because He Lives, Amen”
Josh Woodward, solo

Carson/Tomlin/Cash/Maher
arr. Jason Ingram

Call to Worship

Jean Braun

This is a call to worship inspired by the conversation between Jesus and the Pharisee, Nicodemus. These two, who seem to be on opposite sides, come together to listen, to talk, to learn, to grow.

One: It had been a long day.

All: The heat. The crowds. The life as it is expected.

One: He sensed something new with this man.

All: A breath, a wind swirled and blew.

One: They met as the noise of the day faded.

All: A patient breath taught a perceiving heart.

One: “So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

**All: Open our hearts to the wind sweeping through this room.
Open our whole selves to your abundant love. Amen.**

Black Hymnal #18

All Verses

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

Williams/Hughes

Praying Together

O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.

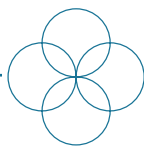
Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Offertory

“My Heart Ever Faithful”
Melissa Cox, flute

J.S. Bach



Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Hymn

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Black Hymnal #278

All Verses

"Creator, God, Creating Still"

Hubert/Croft

Benediction

Postlude

"Asturias"

Max Gise, guitar

Issac Albeniz



If you would like to make an offering,
you can put it in the plate during
the service or you can give online
using this QR code:

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Pastor

Toni Sheffer

Music Director/Organist

Max Gise

Guitarist

Talia Zoll

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• Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website:

christchurchft.org.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



• Brighton Center

We are now collecting **toothpaste** and **toothbrushes**. Dental floss is also appreciated. Next time you're at the dentist, ask them if you can have some extra toothbrushes or toothpaste samples. They might give you the whole box!

• Many Hands Make Light Work

We need help with our Fellowship hour on Sundays. If you can help, please contact **Jenny Herrmann**

• God Goes Green Nights!

**Tues. Nights: June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23
Christ Church – Hoffman Hall**

Start saving the dates for our all-ages God Goes Green nights that will be a shared fun, growth, and outreach event by Christ Church UCC, First Presbyterian, and St. John UCC Bellevue!

We will have dinner together, then share in activities around *What Every Living Thing Needs*.

Dinner will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. with activities to follow from 6:30-8 p.m.

Register at: bit.ly/godgoesgreen

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Barry Petracco

David Huelsman

Gary & Rebecca Plummer

Joshua & Erin Vogel

• Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

• **Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room**

• **Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room**

Both our Sunday and Thursday group will be watching and discussing the series, "The Chosen" which covers Jesus' chosen followers.

• **Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)**

We're reading and discussing the book, *Hope: A User's Manual* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. (Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

• Playing With the Spirit

Is there a scripture you'd like to hear a message from Pastor Ed on? This June, we're going to do a bit of improv in worship and to do that, we need your help. On the first four Sundays in June, Pastor Ed will draw a scripture out and in a spirit-led way, share a message on that passage. Please email Michele at michele@christchurchft.org or drop them off to her at the church office so she can collect these without Pastor Ed seeing them beforehand. Thank you!

• Prayer Changes Us

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Prayer Requests:

Gary Kennedy, the family of Al Rice, Mike and Laura Randall, Stacey Seiter, Susan Snyder, the family of Bonnie Jones, Beth Caby, Erin, Naomi Carroll, Stephanie, June Warriner, Robyn Cox, Elsie Loos, Eve Wellborn, Stacey, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Jennifer Flynn, John Thomas Flynn, The Flynn Family, the family of Phyllis Clark, the family of Evie and Jack Weber, The family of Rev. David Schwab, the family of Doug Miller, the family of Judy Gadd, Chris, Carolyn Tyler, Denise, Makayla, Gregg Frank
(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

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